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SUPPLY OF SAFE DRINKING WATER UNDER RGNDWM
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM) all rural habitations with a population of above 100 are to be provided with safe potable water ;

(b) if so, the deadline set therefor ;

(c) whether at the end of 2005-2006 there were 42,000 uncovered habitations, 2,00,000 water quality affected habitations and more than 2,50,000 slipped-back habitations;

(d) if so, whether these deficient habitations were taken care of in the year 2006- 2007; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a)&(b) Drinking Water is a State Subject. However, under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), a rural habitation not having any safe source of water with a permanently settled population of 20 households or 100 persons, whichever is more may be taken as the unit for coverage. Under Bharat Nirman, a time bound plan for rural infrastructure, it was decided to cover 55,067 uncovered habitations by 2009. In addition, all habitations which have slipped back from full coverage to partial coverage due to failure of source and habitations which have water quality problems are to be addressed.

(c) The number of uncovered, water quality affected and slipped back habitations at the end of 2005-06 were 41946, 195813 and 252060 respectively.

(d) & (e) The status of coverage of these habitations during 2006-07 is annexed.